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Docket No.: 91000-000008/US/COA

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/692,863 filed on October 27, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference, by

LARS STIBLERT and PETER EKBERG

for

AN APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF A SURFACE AND  
A PATTERN GENERATING APPARATUS FOR WRITING A PATTERN ON A SURFACE

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).
2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE			\$770.00	\$385.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	22-20 =	2	x 18 = 36.00	x 9 =
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3-3 =		x 86 =	x 43 =
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$290.00	+ \$145.00
		TOTAL	\$806.00	

3. ☒ A check in the amount of to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 08-0750 in the amount of . A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:
- a. ☒ --This application is a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. 10/692,863, filed on October 27, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--
- b. ☐ --This application is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of co-pending Application No. , filed on and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Application No. is the national phase of PCT International Application No. PCT/\_/\_ filed on \_ under 35 U.S.C. § 371. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This application also claims priority of Application No. filed in on under 35 U.S.C. § 119.--
6. ☒ Enclosed is/are eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 7a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. on . See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.

- 7b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Micronic Laser Systems AB.
9. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 10a. ☐ Priority of Application No(s). \_\_ filed in \_\_ on \_\_ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on \_\_.
- 10b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. \_\_ filed on \_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_ Application No. \_\_ filed in \_\_ on \_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.
11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
12. ☒ Address all future communications to:
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13. ☐ An extension of time for \_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. \_\_ in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
14. ☐ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

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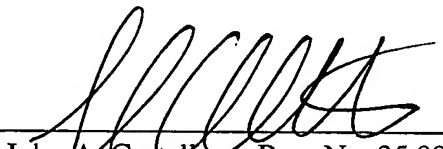
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments